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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following patents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Patent:

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The documents listed hereinabove were cited in the European Search Report, EP 03 00 0049, dated September 30, 2003, received in connection with a European application corresponding to the above-referenced U.S. application. Copies of the Search Report and documents cited are enclosed herewith.

Applicant's attorney respectfully submits that none of the references teach or suggest, singly, or where permissible, in combination, the invention claimed in the present application and therefore Applicant looks forward to receiving early and favorable consideration of the claims.

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